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■ **AT&T to Stay:** More than 51,000 AT&T jobs will remain in New Jersey despite a Board of Directors decision naming New York City the company's official headquarters. "Their boardrooms may be in New York City, but the Garden State is home for AT&T and they continue to be a vital part of our corporate community," said State Commerce Commissioner Barbara McConnell. AT&T employs more New Jersey workers than the combined total of the State's second and third largest private employers. Approximately 230 buildings in all 21 counties are host to 18 of the company's business unit headquarters. — TRENTON

■ **Waiting on Anti-Lotter-** An anti-lottery bill, sponsored by State Senator Ronald Rice (D-Essex), recently passed the Assembly just before the new Assembly was sworn in for its 1992-1993 term. The bill would bar lotteries in a public place for the purpose of selling or using controlled dangerous substances. "This legislation will give our police officers a chance to gain the upper hand on drug dealers, drug abusers, and other trafficking in illegal substances. What's at stake here is the future of our sons and daughters. I don't know what is," Rice said. The legislation is now on the Governor's desk for his signature. — TRENTON

■ **Better Rep in Environmental Protection:** Rep. Matthew J. Rinaldi (R-NJ) said that New Jersey's recent success in recycling garbage, cleaning up the ocean, preventing oil spills, and curbing air and water pollution is setting the precedent for encouraging the rest of the nation to invest in the environment. He cited several success stories in Elizabeth, Milburn, Berkeley Heights, and at such companies like New Jersey Bell and New Jersey Transit as motivating factors towards even more improvement. — WASHINGTON, DC

## Families of police brutality victims take action Put Newark, Plainfield, Hillside under the gun

by Denise M. Germain

PLAINFIELD — Over the past 12 months, police brutality cases have become commonplace in the African American community. Reported cases are on the rise in this city's urban centers and few communities have been able to escape this phenomenon.

On January 22, Venus Hannah with her advisor, Salaam Ismail, president of the United Youth Council, and attorney, Jack Frost, made their \$5 million lawsuit against the City of Plainfield official. Although Mrs. Hannah's discontent with law enforcement is most known because of the death of her son, Santana, who was found hanging in a Plainfield jail, this suit is regarding

her son Uriah, and names police officers, Daniel Passarelli and Sergeant John Keaveney.

It is based on an incident which reportedly took place in March 1991 between the two officers, Mrs. Hannah, and Uriah.

According to the police, Uriah was interfering with official business, by obstructing their investigation area with a remote control car. He was formally charged with disorderly conduct and inciting a riot, both which were reduced in Juvenile Court on October 19 in a period of evaluation.

The conflict comes from the officers' actions during Uriah's arrest. According to Mrs. Hannah, the officers restrained her when they took out their frustrations on Butler.

He had a seizure. A squad car that was on the scene took Uriah to the hospital. Mrs. Hannah also says that the police tried to forcibly restrain her as well before the crowd of 20-30 teenagers.

Mrs. Hannah's lawsuit comes on the heels of another issued against the City of Plainfield and the police department by Glenn Leon Butler. Butler reported that he was beaten by police officers, Michael Richards, James Russo, and John Does on Christmas Day following an argument with his girlfriend where he was police where subsequently summoned.

According to reports, the officers were angry due to being summoned on Christmas and allegedly took out their frustrations on Butler. The civil suit, which was officially

filed on January 10, is demanding \$5 million.

Also on January 10, Sharon Mayse, mother of Tasha Mayse and Willie Mae Cody, for DeAngelo Cody filed their own civil action against the cities of Newark and Hillside and their police departments for their actions during the shooting death of Tasha and the injury of DeAngelo.

The story has become one of national proportions with Tasha, DeAngelo, and several other youths traveling in a stolen van in June 1991, where they were involved in

a high speed chase with Newark policemen. The chase ended in Hillside with a collision with a Hillside Police Car. According to reports, once the van had stopped, police officers John Shust, Marvin Carpenter, Edward Barrett, and Sergeant Robert Russo opened fire on the van causing several injuries and two deaths.

The plaintiffs are maintaining that the factions, and actors of the two municipalities did not act accordingly and are seeking \$10 million in retribution.

On Monday, January 21, during

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## Plainfield youth take stand against drugs at DARE graduation



by Stacy Peterson

PLAINFIELD — Close to 300 Plainfield students, parents, teachers, and administrators witnessed an early graduation January 17 as youths pledged themselves to lives full of self-respect coupled with the strength to say no to the dangers continually facing them in society.

Plainfield High School played host to the first ever DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Program) gradu-

ation where students from Cedarbrook, Clinton, Cook, Holy Family, and Lincoln Elementary Schools participated in the program.

Andrew J. Rutolo, Jr., Union County Prosecutor paralleled the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to point out the continuous struggle needed to keep society from disintegrating.

Rutolo said King would feel anger if he saw some of the bias and racially motivated acts that have

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## Heartbeat of the City Honoring King with a call for action Are we ready to die for what's worth living for?

by Stacy Peterson

NEWARK — "We need an army of people ready to die for what is worth living for," said Marsha Brown of the Association of Black Law Students at Rutgers University during the Seventh Annual Martin Luther King Commemoration by the People's Organization for Progress on January 20, the nationally recognized King holiday.

Ms. Brown said that in the spirit of King, it is a moral challenge for everyone as she addressed the day's theme, "A Man Who Won't Die for Something is Not Fit to Live."

Referring to those powerful words, she said that a person has to go through their own inquiry to find out who they are, what they are made of, and whether they can rise to this challenge.

"A lot of us are in motion but we don't have a movement," she said, stating that people must come together as a community, and brat-

ing those who turn their backs on the community.

The empowerment we felt 20 years ago is gone — we don't owe talk to each other," she continued.

She, and the other speakers encouraged unity, support, and education for one another saying that the time has come to address the true enemy and stop fighting each other.

"Sometimes courage for what you believe in is worth fighting for," she said, adding "Having something to die for doesn't mean you have to die. Can you live for this revolution?"

Poet, playwright, and activist, Amiri Baraka attacked today's leadership saying that African Americans cannot let people "co-opt your leadership." He added that people should use Martin Luther King's birthday to refocus on the historic struggle for democracy and human rights.

Baraka then cautioned against government leaders "who look like us, dress like us, and say whatever

we want them to say," but will stab the community in the back.

He said that these factions want the community to support the status quo then try to collude with King by saying he wanted integration.

"He wanted change, rights, equality, and black self-determination," Baraka said.

Larry Hamm, head of POP and the New Jersey Rainbow Coalition, gave the community a wake-up call, challenging them to get organized and become a part of today's struggle.

"Celebrations can be no substitute for activism — King would have wanted us to be involved in the struggle today," Hamm said. "We must become regimented. This is the time for a serious assessment of racism in America."

Hamm stated that race relations have not gotten any better since King's death, predicting that the civil rights leader, who was slain on April 4, 1968, would feel racism is worse in 1992 than it was at the time of his death.

"Some of us have short memories," Hamm said pointing out how many have forgotten the role of the

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## City News celebrates our history

NEWARK — The month of February is better known as African American History Month and 1992 promises to feature music, lectures, plays, and even comedy throughout the area as well as the state in order to never forget where the community has come from and where it is going.

City News has planned a series of weekly features that will examine and discuss some of the factions that push African Americans for-

ward and encourage continued success.

Look for the new revolution — the revolution of the mind. The battle is not always one of hand to hand combat. With the abundance of technology and information in the world, young African Americans must begin the road to change with the development of the self.

And stereotype makes blacks and music synonymous. The stereo-



type no doubt stems from jealousy as music is an innate form of communication among blacks. It's from the soul, the heart, and it is always full of expression. City News will carry the reader from the inspirational and heavily coded spirituals to today's music of the community — rap. Today's prophets are speaking from their hearts and experiences, also.

Are we letting integration take our businesses from the community? Once upon a time the business people were the neighborhood barber, mechanic, beautician, minister, and garbage collector. Now, these people have either established their businesses in the suburbs or

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## Frontiers celebrate King during annual breakfast

by Denise M. Germain

PLAINFIELD — Emotions comprised of pride, inspiration, and a great feeling of unity were in abundance at the Frontiers International's 16th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Breakfast.

Several speakers discussed the African American community's successes and progress in the 24 years after Dr. King's death and how it would also choose to strive forward.

Frontier Westry Horne said during his comments, that will succeed in the community, like New York Mayor Dinkins and Virginia Governor Douglas Wilder, someone like David Duke also has political support. Westry also mentioned that some of the things that happen today make it seem as if we are going back.

Keynote speaker and president of the Frontiers, Mark Fury, inspired the image of the African American community after the deaths of great leaders, Martin and Malcolm.

Fury said the community was like it had been shipwrecked without its captain and officers of the

vessel. The survivors of the wreck would try to reach the shore looking for a leader to start the procession

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## Plainfield's back to the budget drawing board

by Denise M. Germain

PLAINFIELD — With sighs of relief and cheers, City residents expressed their delight with the City Council's 4-3 decision not to approve recent amendments to the City's proposed \$37.1 million budget.

The measure was decided by Council President Faheem El-Amin's vote opposing the decision. Councilwomen Helen Miller and Elizabeth Urquhart also voted the measure down. Miller said she couldn't vote on the budget the way it was.

Although he also voted no, Councilman Troy Smith stated that he met with several Citizens Budget

Advisory Committee members to go through the budget page by page, but he wasn't impressed with any of the committee's recommendations after the meeting.

After the vote, Plainfield Mayor Harold Mitchell stood before the Council informing them that they are placing the City in a bad situation by not agreeing to the amendments.

City controller Jerry Reddy backed up the Mayor's statement, saying that based on a cash flow report, things do not look promising. Reddy cited possible cash flow problems, and also informed the Council that they would now quickly have to pass an appropriation for the month of February.



The Newark Boys Chorus (l) and Myrtle Pleasant (right) will host just a few of the African American History Month events during the month of February. Find out about these and many more events in African American History Month calendars on page 8.

# CITY PEOPLE

## Nor-Jer-Men present \$20,000 to Nashville charity



NEWARK — The Nor-Jer-Men, a group of New Jersey professional and businessmen social and philanthropic organization recently held its holiday dinner-dance at the Hanover Marriott in Whippany, New Jersey. The organization donates to a charity of its choice every third year and this year, through proceeds from the holiday dances, the Nor-

Jer-Men presented Meharry University in Nashville, Tennessee with a check in excess of \$20,000. Dr. David Satcher, President of Meharry, second from right, accepts check from Dr. James Brown, President of the organization is to the extreme right and F. Allen Brown, vice chairman of the program committee is shown left.



## Personals

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SBF, 43, seeks serious companion 39-50. I'm a balcony chomper with a red umbrella. Let's trip the light fantastic. Please include phone number. P.O. Box 20151, Newark, N.J. 07101-6151.

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DBF, 38, attractive, intelligent, shapely, big legged, full-figured woman seeking companionship with a sincere, tall, non-smoker, drug free, 37-45 D/M. Only sincere need reply. Include photo and phone number. Please reply to P.O. Box 5651, Plainfield, NJ 07060.

SBF, 40 years young, never married, no children, no diseases and no nasty habits. I am seeking a serious black male between 40 and 50 who is secure, likes jazz, the outdoors, church, etc. Only the serious respond c/o Hines, POB 845, Paterson, NJ 07644-0845.

## Coping

by

Dr. Charles W. Faulker

## The ugly personality test

Last week, I gave you the first part of a test to determine if your personality was ugly. If it is, you are probably making someone else's life a living hell. That is, if they have the strength and devotion to tolerate you. Most people who have any of the characteristics in these tests generally need extensive psychological counseling. If you exhibit these characteristics, get counseling and try to drastically alter your behavior.

"I know that my partner is gifted intellectually and otherwise, but his/her outstanding abilities make me feel inadequate. I actually feel that I am in competition with the very person whom I profess to love. Yet his/her outstanding abilities make me hate a part of him/her. So I never complement or praise him/her. Every chance that I get, I praise other people, so that my partner will feel bad. This makes me feel good."

One need not be a psychiatrist in order to know that this person has acute psychological problems of self-hatred and desperately needs counseling.

"I enjoy criticizing my mate. It's like a little mind game that I am playing. If he/she doesn't fight back and defend him/herself, I feel good because I have won the battle. However, I don't like people who don't fight back, so this makes me really disrespect him/her even more!"

The person who is attacked but refuses to fight back may be a strong, silent individual who is blessed with amazing tolerance and great understanding of his/her mate's despicable problems. His/her love is strong enough to overcome personal attacks. This is a sign of strength. The abusive mate's behavior is a sign of acute neurosis, a glaring personality fault. Eventually, of course, the partner who is attacked will walk away from the relationship and the abusive mate will have to live with the wonderfully compatible partner available.

"I recognize my faults and I try to change them."

Few people ask themselves why they carried out certain ugly behavior. Or they might say, "It is because he/she deserved it." This is clearly an excuse. People who have ugly behavior should ask themselves how they would feel if their partner did the same ugly things to them that they did. Their personal insecurities would probably drive them crazy. Anyone who is sincerely interested in improving their relationships will try, first, to improve themselves.

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Patrick J. Grant  
President

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29

**SUMMIT** — A class on "Beginning Jewelry" will take place at the New Jersey Center for Visual Arts, for more information call 908-273-9121.

**PLAINFIELD** — "Not Just Diet," a ten week program to promote weight loss and improve physical fitness will begin evening classes at 6 p.m. and daytime classes Thursday, January 30 at 9:30 a.m. at Muhlenberg Regional Medical Center. For more information call 908-668-2317.

**NEW BRUNSWICK** — The New Jersey State Bar Foundation is sponsoring a seminar on Labor Law from 7-9 p.m. at the New Jersey Law Center, One Constitution Square. For more information call 1-800-FREE-LAW ext. 209.

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 30

**MIDDLETOWN** — "Black Film and Film Making in America, 1920's - 1992" will be the topic of an audio-visual presentation by Dr. Alan H. Peterson. It will take place at the Tabor Park Activity Center, Red Hill Road at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. For more information call 908-842-4000.

**PLAINFIELD** — There will be a film program given at 4 p.m. at the Plainfield Public Library located in the corner of Park Avenue and Eighth Street. For more information call 908-757-1111.

**SUMMIT** — The first program in the Today's Problems/Tomorrow's Solutions series, "St. Down and Pay Attention: Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder," will be held from 7-9 p.m. It will be hosted by Rosalie Greenberg, M.D., at Fair Oaks Hospital located at 19 Prospect Street. For more information call 908-522-7055.

**WAYNE** — The Cremona Arts Trio will present a concert of chamber music as part of the Midway Artists Series at William Paterson College. The concert will be held at 12:30 p.m. in the Shea Center for Performing Arts. For more information call 201-595-2371.

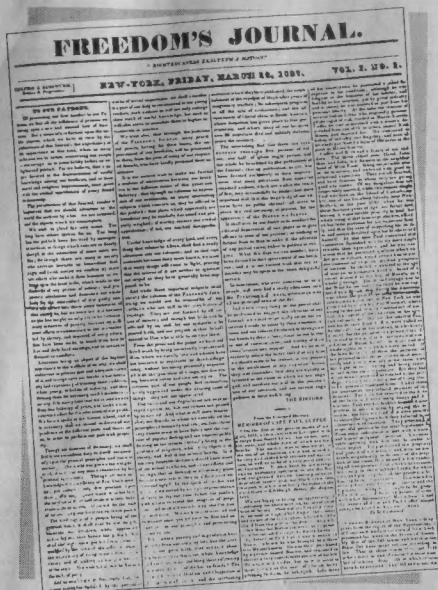
### FRIDAY, JANUARY 31

**PLAINFIELD** — The Plainfield Public Library will host a toddler storytime at 10 a.m. The library is located on the corner of Eighth Street and Park Avenue. For more information call 908-757-1111.

**ORANGE** — The Essex County Association of Black Social Workers presents a seminar on the "Critical Issues of Black Adoption." Guest speakers include Congresswoman Donald M. Payne, Sandra Lawrence, Executive Director of the State's first Black Adoption Consortium Inc., Barbara Webb, Director of Volunteer Services UMDNJ, (Boarder Babies Volunteer Coordinator) and several Adoptive Parents. The event will take place at St. Matthews, AME Church, 336 Oakwood Avenue, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. The program is free and for additional info call 201-676-1764.

**WESTFIELD** — A support group for people caring for elderly or chronically ill relatives will meet at 8 p.m. at St. Helen's Church on Lamonts Mill Road. For more information call Marilyn Ryan at 908-233-8757.

**WESTFIELD** — "Ethics for Alcohol and Drug Professionals" will be discussed at a seminar given by the Union County Council on Alcoholism and Other Drug Addictions, Inc. The seminar will take place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 300 Morris Avenue East. For more information call 908-233-8910.



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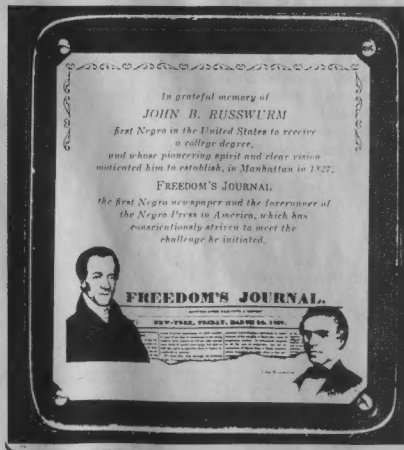
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# OPINION

## EDITORIAL

### We need civilian review boards now!

**I**t seems like all of the civic leaders have at least one common denominator—they agree that the time has come for civilian review boards in all cities, big and small.

It's time for the people to unite and hold their elected officials and law enforcement agencies accountable for their actions. It is not the law to be able to beat up on someone just because his domestic dispute is inconveniencing your Christmas Day. It is not the law for a police officer to pummel a man near death because he was speeding. It's morally and socially wrong for elected officials to turn their backs on their constituents. A civilian review board may not solve all of the relationship problems between the people and the powers that be, but they will keep a watchful eye on the people and forces that govern and police our cities.

Our cities are our homes, they are not terror domes where people in charge can do whatever they please. In case they have forgotten, the people are in charge. Government is of the people, by the people, and for the people. But, the people owe it to themselves to get involved. Unite together, attend City Council meetings, call the Mayor's house, write letters, and make their needs and concerns known. There is a such thing as voting power and power of the people.

Those in charge are doing what they're doing and getting away with it because they are rarely challenged. Once the people take their rightful stand and refuse to lie down when they see something unjust, Mayors, police agencies, and others will know that they cannot get away with their deceitful and unlawful practices. Everyone must get involved and reclaim their communities before human rights are stomped on even more than they are now.



by Connie Woodruff

The purge of Democrats allegedly aligned with the "wrong people" continues in Essex County.

One of the latest long time (15 years) county employees to receive a dismissal notice is Yvonne Rappaport of Irvington. But Rappaport won't drop on the vine. She recently took a petition to run for the council seat currently held by Bilal Beasley.

This means Rappaport, secretary of the Essex County Democratic Committee and a long time ally of Democratic Chairman Ray Durkin, will meet former East Orange resident, Marilyn Thomas, on the campaign trail this Spring.

Phillip Thigpen, a new East Orange councilman, was feted by friends and co-workers last week after losing his county job.

One insider predicted a rash of dismissals of unclassified employees is blowing in the wind. In East Orange, Councilman Stephen Thomas and his brother, Bill, filed charges against Councilwoman Yvonne Blake's brother,

Larry of Jersey City and a friend, Gary Robinson of Orange, accusing them of assault, terrorist threats and malicious damage.

Thomas also filed a complaint of conspiracy to make terrorist threats against Councilwoman Blake.

Although Thomas and the councilwoman tell conflicting stories, witnesses say the two began arguing after a city council meeting when they disagreed on how Danny Gibson was questioned during an effort to confirm him as Mayor Cardell Cooper's chief of staff.

Gibson joined the mayor's staff after he was ousted by Adrienne Davis as clerk to the Essex County Freeholder Board. And now Mayor Cooper wants him to be the official chief of staff.

According to a few of the council members present, Thomas and Blake shouted obscenities at each other and "got very nasty," before finally calling it quits when Thomas got ready to leave the premises.

Upon leaving City Hall, Thomas went to his Main Street office of the Protector's Insurance where Larry Blake and Robinson found

him, and according to Thomas "became abusive, made terrorist threats and struck me in the face."

In the fracas office chairs were broken, computers knocked on the floor and outside, a crowd gathered to peer through the plate glass window to see the fist fight.

Bill Thomas in an adjoining office, called police for help and when they arrived, Larry Blake and Robinson were taken into custody.

Larry Blake and Gary Robinson later filed counter charges against the Thomas brothers, charging Stephen with assault and terrorist threats and Bill with terrorist threats. Robinson charged both the Thomases with terrorist threats and assault.

All parties are scheduled for a March 11 special court case with Orange municipal court Judge Freddie Polhill assigned to hear the case in East Orange.

While all this confusion is swirling about the county and the city of East Orange, Mayor James of Newark keeps riding high as a super Democrat.

Last week he was elected a "super delegate" to the Democratic National Convention by the Democratic Mayors Committee of the US Conference of Mayors, replacing former Philadelphia Mayor Wilson Goode.

As a super delegate James may have to insure the Democrats go to the convention with some kind of winning ticket, a position that could bring him face-to-face with the warring factions in the county and cities like East Orange.

The on-again, off-again talk about Assemblywoman Stephanie Bush being appointed Essex County Prosecutor is apparently off again as the name of Judge Clifford Minor looms bigger than ever.

One story had it that Bush would become Prosecutor and then be tapped for a Superior Judgeship to make way for the brother of a non-minority official to succeed her.

But that appears to be a no-no now because of some hard core opposition to let Bush off the Assembly hook.

And if you surmise an Assembly replacement for Stephanie has already been chosen, your political I.Q. is right on target. Problem is that even though it's gossip right now, the woman to replace Ms. Bush is not favored by the old line polls.

Who said nice guys don't get what they deserve?

Well one has. He is James (Jimmy) DuBoise, a former Newark

detective who is director of security for New Community Corp. Last week Essex County Sheriff Armando Fontoura named DuBoise deputy director of the sheriff's Bureau of Narcotics (BON), the group formerly headed by Charlie Knox, former Newark police director.

DuBoise is a co-founder of the Bronze Shields, Inc., well known throughout Newark community and law enforcement circles nationally. According to Fontoura, he helps the sheriff carry out his promise to put experienced law officers in "strictly law enforcement appointments."

The BON is the second oldest narcotics squad in the state, comprised of 50 officers with the ability to respond immediately to citizens' complaints of illicit drug dealing. DuBoise was a Newark policeman for 29 years.

Speaking of good folks, a pair of them were recently honored by overflow crowds, based on their community service.

A gathering of 700 parishioners and gospel lovers flocked Elder Johnny Shipley at Bishop Jeff Banks' Revival Temple in Newark.

Among clergymen participating were the Reverends Lawrence Roberts of the First Baptist Church of Nulley and his Angelic Choir and the Rev. Terry Patrick, an exponent of urban ministry.

Shipley, a member of several local gospel groups, was saluted in song, poetry and inspirational testimonials for a solid five hours as various groups, including the gospel choir of New Eden Baptist Church, entertained and inspired.

And last week the newly renovated Essex Room in Essex County College overflowed with good will and good cheer at a Sweetheart Party in honor of Edna Greenleaf, an administrator in the Student Affairs Department.

Ms. Greenleaf, who took an early retirement because of health reasons, divides her time between Newark and Pennsylvania. The party was a fond farewell to a community worker who for the last decade, has been a volunteer health advocate and counsellor in Newark and a member of UMDNJ's Board of Chaired Divisions and OB/GYN advisory committee.

The affair was sponsored by Friends of Edna Greenleaf and the ECC Alumni Association.

Are the Elizabethan citizens (Newark) Center senior citizens about to lose their beloved Jewel Daniels? Maybe we'll have the answer to this one next week.

## Commentary...

# Dr. King may have overemphasized the power of politics

by Neil E. Kunzle

On and around the birthday of Dr. King a spate of articles appeared in newspapers and magazines which addressed the political ideology of Dr. King. A wealth of issues were covered in many of these illuminating pieces. Some of the more significant issues included his thoughts on brotherhood, equality, democracy, non-violent resistance, and Christianity. His viewpoints are so eloquently presented that little room is left for criticism. If there is a weak link to Dr. King's political thoughts it may lie in his tacit embrace of political activism as the key means for achieving social and economic equality for people of color. As surprising as this may seem there is little evidence that economic empowerment follows on the heels of political power.

A case in point is the Oriental population in America. This ethnic

group is one of the wealthiest in America yet they have studiously avoided throwing their hat into the political arena. Their means of ascent is in large measure a political. By blending into the background and refusing to rock the boat Asian Americans have experienced a rapid rise up the economic ladder. Their strategy for success is simple: mobility against the collapse of affirmative action programs. Corporations will shrink to the point where non-technocrats will find themselves packing their bags. Along with the Afro-American population YUPPIES will follow. No longer will they be able to command large salaries as credentialled MBAs. Corporations will become lean and mean machines. The political clout of special interest groups will for the first time in a decade play a diminished role in the marketplace. Arguments about the political necessity of incorporating all ethnic groups into the corporate world will

assume a sterile role. The most ardent supporters of ethnic representation will have their hands tied. This dismal state of affairs will be compounded by the anticipated influx of technocrats fleeing from totalitarian rule. The American worker is primed for a rude awakening. The only antidote to this state of affairs is to train the American worker, regardless of the color of his skin. Fancy speeches demanding equal representation will have about as much impact as poetry on the deaf. Many of our most esteemed engineering and scientific institutions are composed of dedicated and talented Asian Americans. If people of color as well as white Americans are intent on holding their own with this talented group disciplined study habits hold the key. Political machinations will accomplish little. Corporations in order to survive hire the best man for the job. Political dissent will not change this state of affairs.

This situation may in all probability avert the collapse of affirmative action programs. Corporations will shrink to the point where non-technocrats will find themselves packing their bags. Along with the Afro-American population YUPPIES will follow. No longer will they be able to command large salaries as credentialled MBAs. Corporations will become lean and mean machines. The political clout of special interest groups will for the first time in a decade play a diminished role in the marketplace. Arguments about the political necessity of incorporating all ethnic groups into the corporate world will

## Quote of the Week

"It's not enough to say 'praise him, praise him,' we should be redoubled in our commitment. We have to bring this struggle back to the people. It's time for action because this is a desperate situation."

Larry Hamm

People's Organization for Progress  
January 20, Martin Luther King Celebration  
Newark, New Jersey

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## DARE Graduation

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been happening in the country, particularly in the tri-state area.

"He would cry tears of joy if he could see what I see today," he said as he looked into the audience. "...young people committed to themselves and society. I'm proud of you and look forward to being your partner in this venture."

The students were also congratulated and commended by Mayor Harold Mitchell of Plainfield, Leon Adams, Plainfield director of public affairs and safety, Dr. Jeffrey Klein, deputy superintendent of Plainfield's schools, Capt. Charles Martina, Commander Narcotics Bureau of the Plainfield Police Division; and City Council President Fahemah El-Amin.

Sergeant Stephen Jordan and Police Officer Thelma Nieves, certified DARE instructors, presented the students with certificates for completing the course and even presented some special awards for outstanding DARE pupils.

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# YOUTH/EDUCATION/SUCCESS

## East Orange sponsors children's theatre program: Drama featured on Harriet Tubman



EAST ORANGE — Freedom Train, a musical drama based on the life of Harriet Tubman will be presented at the Little Theatre on the campus of Upsala College, 345 Prospect Street. This performance is the second in the East Orange-sponsored Children's Theatre series.

The Children's Theatre Program is a series of monthly performances by area theatre companies and will run through May 1992. Mayor Cardell Cooper commented, "The City is delighted to be the proud sponsor of the Children's Theatre Program. This initiative is part of my administration's continuing commitment to the positive development of our young citizens."

Freedom Train tells the story of Harriet Tubman, known as the "Moses" of African American slaves.

The performance includes dance, dialogue, mime and music of the period. Freedom Train is appropriate for children ages four through high school.

Based in New York City, Theatreworks/USA is America's largest theatre company for young and family audiences. Now celebrating its 30th Year, Theatreworks/USA has presented more than 20 million people in 49 states, at schools, arts centers, museums and theaters.

There will be two performances of Freedom Train, at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$1 for children. Seating is limited and reservations are encouraged.

For more information call 201-266-5142 or 266-5123.

## Plainfield Tennis Tournament successful again



G 16 Sarah Bandemer, Plainfield over Sherry Stoleck, Clark



G 18 Elizabeth Durant, Edison



B 14 Stuart and Michael Chizick, Millburn over Kenneth Martinez and Anthony Wiggs, Plainfield

EDISON — The Second Annual Plainfield Tennis Council Holiday Tennis Classic which was held between Christmas and New Years was a great success as it showcased some of the best tennis talent from the area.

Held at the Inman Sports Club, this year's crop was larger than last year's as several generous donations and contributions from corporate and private sponsors made the event possible.

The tournament itself consisted of several close and exciting matches with a lot of them going the distance of three sets. There were three repeat junior champions from 1990 who won again this year. They were: Stuart Chizick, 14, of Millburn; Sarah Bandemer, 16, of Plainfield; and Jeffrey BaCote, 18, of Fanwood.

**Junior Singles winners not pictured were:**  
B 16 Peter Beckus, Fanwood over Gerald Ravikumar, Scotch Plains  
B 18 Jeffrey BaCote, Fanwood over Rasheed Abdul-Haq, Plainfield

**Junior Doubles winners were:**  
B 18 Jeffrey BaCote, Fanwood and Brian Dougherty, Scotch Plains over Jason Williams and Dwight Farrison, Plainfield

**Adult Singles winners were:**  
M Open Steve Capo, Milltown over Joe Grande, Westfield  
W Open Michelle Harden, Linden over Cheryl Pernell-Rey, Plainfield  
M 35 Dave Soniani, Bronx, NY over Bill Prisco, Cranford  
M 45 Ed Ranson, Somerset over Habie Awalon, Union

**Adult Doubles winners were:**  
M Open Joe Masterson and Peter Kretschner, Westfield over John Martini, Woodbridge and Dave Baron, Edison  
M 35 Dave Soniani, Bronx, NY and Bill Prisco, Cranford over Joe Panetta, Cranford and Frank Palacios, Clark  
M 45 Habie Awalon, Union and Howell Hammock, East Orange over Lou Mingo, Plainfield and Tim Alexander, Danbury, CT  
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G 16 Sarah Bandemer and Elizabeth Durant of Plainfield over Paige Thompson and Mandy Klaas, Plainfield



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B 14 Stuart Chizick, Millburn over Lee Vecchione Scotch Plains

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## EO kicks off African American Heritage Month

EAST ORANGE — On Sunday, February 2 from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m., Mayor Cardell Cooper and Just Us Books, Incorporated will host East Orange children and their parents at a book signing party to kick off the city's observance of African American Heritage Month. Parents and children will be able to meet authors and illustrators whose works are published by Just Us Books. The authors' works and other educational materials will be available for purchase and autographing.

Mayor Cooper commented, "I

cannot think of a more appropriate event in which to begin our annual celebration of the African American Experience. By reading, our young people will be able to get a greater appreciation for the contributions of African Americans to the shaping of America as we know it today." The theme for this year's national observance of Black History Month is "African Roots Explore New Worlds: Pre-Columbus to the Space Age."

Just Us Books, an Orange-based publishing company, specializes in

books and learning materials for children that focus on the African American experience. Founded in 1988 by Wade and Cheryl Hudson, the company has over 500,000 books in print.

Other city-sponsored activities scheduled to take place during the month include a student essay contest, an art exhibit featuring works from the Keep Safe Gallery, a film festival and African storytelling.

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## Bible telling in Plainfield

PLAINFIELD — Bible Telling will take place on Friday evening January 31 starting at 7 p.m. at the First Park Baptist Church in Plainfield. This is a two hour program and is held as a monthly event for teenagers interested in learning Bible stories.

The agenda for the evening is to hear a story, learn a story and after a brief break, tell a story. This time, we will introduce the element of "costuming" as a way of creating a sacred space. Participants are also encouraged to share

their favorite songs, poetry, and stories. Christian youth groups are especially welcome along with adult supervisors. There is no admission fee, but groups are asked to contribute some soda or chips for refreshments.

Participation is encouraged. Bible Telling is not for couch potatoes, and the audience is expected to help the storyteller and not simply be entertained. A great thing about this activity is that youth are given the opportunity to perform in front of their peers as well as getting a

chance to hear Bible stories in a new and dramatic way — perhaps for the first time. This is sort of a "Dead Poets Society" for Christians.

First Park Baptist Church is located at the corner of West 7th and Central Avenue.

Drew Willard is a professional storyteller and the youth director for First Park and will be presenting this program. For more information call 908-756-5322.

## SAT, GRE, LSAT review courses at JCSC

JERSEY CITY — Jersey City State College will offer review courses for the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT), Graduate Record Examination (GRE), and Law School Admission Test (LSAT) through its Saturday Semester Program this spring.

All courses will meet on the JCSC campus at 2039 Kennedy Boulevard in Jersey City. The SAT Review will meet 9 to 11:30 a.m. on Saturdays, February 8 - March 21.

Designed to assist students who are preparing for the SAT examination, the course will cover simulated SAT questions. The course will be especially helpful to those who plan to take the SAT on May 2. Tuition is \$75.00.

The GRE Review will meet 9 - 11:30 a.m. on Saturdays, February 15 - March 28. The course will provide a review of questions typically covered on the GRE. The course will be especially helpful to

those who plan to take the GRE on April 11. Tuition is \$85.00.

The LSAT Review will meet noon - 2 p.m. on Saturday, February 22 - May 9. The course will assist law school candidates in the evaluation of needs and in the organization of an effective study plan. Tuition is \$150.00.

To register or for further information call the JCSC Saturday Semester Office at 201-200-3089.

## City News—The Heartbeat of the City



## BILLBOARD

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31

**NEW BRUNSWICK** — "Oak and Ivy," Kathleen McShee-Anderson's play, will be performed at Crossroads Theater located at 7 Livingston Avenue. It will run through to February 16 at Crossroads' traditional Black History Month production. For more information call 908-248-5560.

**JERSEY CITY** — Tau Kappa Epsilon will present a "Comedy Night" at 6 p.m. in Margaret Williams Theater/Hopkins Hall on the campus of Jersey State College, 2010 Kennedy Boulevard. For more information call 201-200-3585.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1

**NEW BRUNSWICK** — "Sarah and Abraham," by Pulitzer Prize winner Marsha Norman, at the George Street Playhouse, thru Feb. 23, 21 Livingston Ave. For more info, call 908-245-7717.

**WATCHUNG** — Victoria Griswold will perform in the Gallery of the Watchung Arts Center located at 18 Stirling Road, at 8 p.m. For more information call 908-793-0190.

**UNION** — The William Chacona Dance Theater will perform at Kean College at 8 p.m. For more information call 908-527-2327.

## Juice: Hip hop at the movies

by Terry Benjamin

"Juice," the original motion picture score for the Ernest Dickerson movie of the same name contains music that offers the good, bad, and ugly from the current rap music scene. It's produced by the Bob Squad (Hank Shocklee, Keith Shocklee, Carl Ryder, Gary G. Wiz), the production team behind the rise of Public Enemy as the premiere radical rap group. This soundtrack has some music that will never be heard on the radio and as a result, it's a Parental Advisory-Explicit sticker honestly. But despite the creative use of vulgar language, "Juice" offers many musical moments of genuine emotional power.

Case in point: "Does Your Man Know About Me," a track that mixes rap and rhythm and blues as it tells a tale of infidelity. Rahim raps:

2 a.m. and I'm awakened by the telephone  
She said, he's gone, I said, he's gone  
she said, he's gone  
I told that her voice had a sting  
I thought I couldn't resist  
the temptation

Shells lay around on the battlefield  
Dead bodies are found throughout the town  
Try to put shame in my game to make a name  
I'm a put it on a bullet and put it in your brain

Rahim  
Juice (know the ledge)

Then she said he'd be gone for awhile  
There on a face appeared a wicked little smile  
Not feeling the least bit of guilt  
Cause what for? All is fair in love and war.

"Does..." also contains doo harmony that tugs on the emotions in a type of R&B fashion. Another hip hop love song is from Guy's Aaron Hall, a straight up R&B charmer that needs no rap as Hall sings words of assurance to his virgin lover. The Brand New Heavies offer "People Get Ready" with lead vocalist N'Dea Davenport singing, "Come together/You can make it better."

"Is It Good To You" and "He's Gamin' On Ya" tell it like it is from the female point of view with boldness. "When my love comes down I don't have to run around," Tammy Lucas sings on "Is It Good To You." This liberated lady persona is pushed to the max on "He's Gamin' On Ya," a Salt-N-Pepa track written and produced by Hurby Luv Bug, Rapping over a sample from Parliament's "Chocolate City." The female duo offer a warning to young women:

Once upon a time called now  
Is where it all begins, ya see  
As the plot thickens and your heart beats quickens  
My sister, my sister, look out.

The ladies have their say but it is the men that dominate this soundtrack, and in many cases, presenting dangerous thoughts in hard-core rap styles. Their tales span volumes — "What Could Be Better Bitch" from Son of Bazerki; "So You Want To Be A Gangster" from

## Frontiers celebrate King during annual breakfast

(continued from page 1) towards dry land. Once the leaders move forward into the sand, everyone else can follow, but if no one moves forward, impatient leadership might come from the middle of the crowd crushing the people in the front.

"We all know what happens when leadership comes from the middle," Fury told the audience including the recent tragedy at City College.

Fury closed his message by using a statement of Dr. King Jr. "Martin said we should be judged not by the color of our skin, but by the content of our character — ensure that you fill that content with the right type of character."

The annual event also showcased the first year of a four-year scholarship program, the Frontiers have awarded to Charles Edward Knight, a 1991 Plainfield High School graduate, who is currently majoring in Marine Biology at Hampton University.

Five other recipients from the City's school system were awarded the Westry Home Excellence in Education Award. They included: Larry Gunnell and Stephanie Minate from Maxson Middle School; Lt. Col. Ray Rubel, Junior School; and Arie Smallwood, both from Plainfield High School, and Mrs. Joyce Todd of Cedarbrook Elementary School.

The winners of the annual King essay contest were also recognized. They were: Kindergarten — Jaime Butler of Emerson School; First Grade — Aiysha Young of Cook School; Second Grade — Kenya Johnson of Cook School; Third Grade — Catherine Reaves of Jefferson School; Fourth Grade — Vincent Deserio of Cook School and April Young of Holy Family; Fifth Grade — Kiasha Taylor of Clinton School and Ian Route of Woodland School; Sixth Grade — Olivia Johnson of Woodland School; Seventh Grade — Kiasha Bridges — Holy Family; Eighth Grade — Wendy Emanuel and Krystal Ward of Holy Family; Eleventh Grade — Antonett Cox of Plainfield High School.

Too Short; and "Sex, Money & Murder" where MC Pooh raps: "I live the life of a criminal and hustle close day/fool step wrong live loose get blown away. The Ave was the only home I knew, so to get what I got, I did what, I had to."

"Flipside" from the Juvenile Committee who rap: "Frontin' everybody cause you're headstrong/What you're doin' ain't right it's dead wrong/Flip, flip, flip on the flipside/You done flipped out, committed suicide."

"Uptown Anthem" by Naughty By Nature and "Shoot 'Em Up" by the Cypress Hill Crew use hard core beats and profanity to prove how hard rap can be.

But the best tracks on the soundtrack are from rap veterans EPMD, Big Daddy Kane, and Rakim. Using a sample from Marvin Gaye's "I Want You," EPMD presents "It's Going Down," a track that provides enough drama for fifteen black movies. "Nuff Respect" from Big Daddy Kane is a booming track that reestablishes Kane as the master of the put down style of rap as he flows like this: "I come down 'n put my weight on it/drop some straight on it." "The 'Juice' film story is about four young black men, Q (Omaz Epps), Bishop (Upac Shaker), Raheem (Khalil Khan), coming of age in Harlem the hard way. They tragically learn that crime does not pay and Rakim's "Juice (know the ledge)" is at once a condemnation of the criminal lifestyle and a hip hop classic. On the top of a funky track, Rakim raps:

Come in' out of the building say me up  
Sprayed with automatics they set me up  
In a puddle of blood I lay close to the edge  
I guess I didn't know the ledge.

"Juice," the movie soundtrack, presents the truth and consequences of the criminal life, with hip hop music that is too hard core and real to be ignored. All "wannabe gangsters" need to listen. Real close.

## RVCC's African American History Month Calendar

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13 — A panel made up of minority members of the RVCC faculty and staff will discuss "Why Are You Here? What Is It Like?" at 12 noon in the College Center Lounge.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14 — A special concert "The Stars of Black and Red" featuring Broadway stars Sir Robert Henson and Carrie Smith, will take place at 8 p.m. in the College Theatre. For more information, call 908-725-3420.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19 — "Have a Dream — The Life of Martin Luther King, Jr." will be shown at 12 noon and 6 p.m. in the College Center Lounge. Admission is free for RVCC students.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20 — An African cultural workshop will be presented by the Black and Gold Theatre Company at 12 noon in the College Center Lounge.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22 — The Somerset Library Guild will hold a Fashion/Talent Show in cooperation with Raritan Valley Community College Black History Month Committee. This 3:30 p.m. event is scheduled for the Somerset Middle School. For more information, call Gloria Davidson at 908-218-4108.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25 — "Women of All Races Connecting Together" will be the subject of a workshop by Julia West Johnson, RVCC Professional Programming and Training Developer at RVCC sponsored by RVCC and the Women's Health Awareness Program at 7 p.m. in the Faculty/Staff Dining Room. For more information call 908-218-8871.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26 — The film "Paul Robeson — The Talented Mr. Forster" will be shown at 12 noon and 6 p.m. in the College Center Lounge. Admission is free for RVCC students.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27 — Storytellers Kim and Reggie Harris will present "A Celebration of Black History" at 12 noon in the College Center Lounge.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28 — The Paul Robeson Youth Achievement Awards will be presented at 7:30 p.m. in the College Café. These awards, sponsored by RVCC and the Somerset-Hunterdon Community Network, recognize young African Americans who exemplify outstanding achievement in the areas of Paul Robeson's accomplishments and celebrate the celebration of Black History Month at RVCC. For more information contact Alorice Carlisle at 908-218-8871.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29 — The Saint Paul Baptist Church will present the play "Let Freedom Ring" at 7:30 p.m. in the Somerset Middle School in cooperation with the Raritan Valley Community College Black History Month Committee. Tickets are \$2.50 and can be purchased at the door. For more information, call Gloria Davidson at 908-218-4108.

## City News Publisher Dr. Henry Johnson to address nuances of black publishing

SUMMIT — Henry C. Johnson, Ph.D., CEO of City News Publications, and publisher of YES Magazine, City News, and Minority Business Journal will lead a discussion on "Publishing/Publications in the Black Experience" as the focus of the third topic in an ongoing Church School series of Black History studies to be conducted in 1992 at Fountain Baptist Church, 116 Glenstone Avenue, Summit, New Jersey. The program will begin at 9 a.m. on Sunday, February 9. For more information contact Deacon Evans Spagner at 908-273-1199.

Other events taking place throughout February include:

Music in the Black Experience with Stanley E. Williams, Minister of Music, Fountain Baptist Church, on Feb. 2.

Art/Photography in the Black Experience with Art Dealer, Mrs. Juanita Mobley on Feb. 16.

Literature in the Black Experience with Dr. Sarah Frances Smith-Duckworth, Assistant Professor, Kean College, on Feb. 23.

Each event is a continuation of an ongoing Church School series of Black History studies to be conducted in 1992 at Fountain Baptist Church. All events will occur at Fountain Baptist Church at 9 a.m.

## Families take action

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the public session of the Plainfield City Council meeting, Mrs. Hannah and Ismael appeared before the Council to ask for a list of police officers over the past five years who have had to be defended by the City, as well as ask for a civilian review board.

Mrs. Hannah maintained that there may be a pattern showing the same officers getting into altercations with the taxpayers ultimately footing the bill.

Corporation Council Rowland Clark answered the initial request

by saying that the information was of public record and located in the City controller's office as well as the public library.

Regarding the Citizens Review Board, Mrs. Hannah said it could help combat some of the relations problems between the residents and the police force. Ismael added that the Council's help was needed in order to start this much needed body.

He said that he had been researching materials of other City committees and the body seems to be productive in existing terms as well as giving the community a say

in local enforcement of the law.

He said the next step towards making the review board a reality lies with the Council as he thinks they need time to set on the measure. He added that he is hopeful they will pursue it and "level heads will prevail." Ismael said if no help is granted, the Hannahs are prepared to bring the cause to the people through petitions, demonstrations, and packing Council chambers at the next several meeting to bring the issue to the forefront.

Stacey Peterson also contributed to this article.



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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29

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**PEMISKAUEN** - The South Jersey Entrepreneurs Network will host a business plan presentation by Louis J. Succi, CEO of CME Conference Video Marketing, outside advisors, and financing will be addressed at the meeting which will take place at the Mount Laurel Hilton at 8 a.m. RSVP to Helen Petruska at 609-665-8877.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3

**PARAMUS** - The Business Training and Resource Institute is offering a workshop on How to Maintain and Repair Your PC from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. at Room 130 of Bergen Community College. For more information call 201-447-7481.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

**PRINCETON** - Dr. Richard Whittle, Chairman and CEO of the Whittle Group will discuss political marketing as part of the second annual meeting of the American Marketing Association (AMA) - NJ Chapter and American Association for Public Opinion Research (AAPOR) - Central NJ. The program will begin at 5:30 p.m. with the guest speaker making his address at 7:30 p.m. For reservations call all Polytechnics at 609-221-9465 no later than January 28.

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## Business Exchange...

## Man in the mirror

by William Reed

WASHINGTON, DC (UPI) - Take a good look at yourself, and around you. If you take a real and objective look, you'll see that you too have a window of opportunity that can breed real and lasting wealth for you, and your kind. Although the opportunity for African Americans to succeed has not fully open for much of our 400 year existence in this country, a few of us have always had the wisdom, vision, capacity for risk taking, and natural ability to make and take advantage of wealth generating situations, and succeed.

"In a world of despair, we wanted to give hope. In a world of negative images, we wanted to provide positive blacks' images. In a world that said blacks could do few things, we wanted to say that they could do everything. We believed then — and we believe now — that you have to change images before you can change acts and institutions." What you've just read are the comments of one of America's richest men, John Johnson, who happens to be black and worth over a quarter of a billion bucks, said these words recently, but they were firmly in his heart over 40 years ago when he started to live out his vision and wisdom via

his Ebony and Jet magazine publications. He built his fortune by looking at what he had to offer those around him. By looking in the mirror, and within his neighborhood, John Johnson was able to acquire a multi million dollar personal portfolio by providing timely, and vital information to his African American community.

Of course, there are many among us who don't like what they see looking back at them from the mirror. For these individuals, we say, opportunity like freedom is hard to grasp. But when opportunity is grasped, the result is more often than not a spectacular success. For more blacks to live out the promise of America's Dream, history shows that the good ones always looked for the opportunity that was close at hand, first. Once they seized the moment for a product or service opportunity, they started to realize personal and sustained success.

Like America's continual line of white captains of industry, the only blacks who will ever be wealthy will be those with entrepreneurial vision. A smart man, or woman, casting a glance in the mirror who doesn't disparage what he sees, will realize that the enterprises that breed wealth were those that were successful before were rooted in the delivery of services and products to

their community. Blacks who've looked around themselves know that they can make big bucks from providing the kinds of services that whites have been either unwilling or unable to provide to Black Americans. The Nation's \$250 million empire that Yahweh Ben Yahweh, and his Nation built by opening grocery stores and rental properties in South Florida's inner cities.

In the nineteenth century of America the early black fortunes were built in industries such as insurance, undertaking, banking, media, retailing, and health and beauty products. In that segregated society, as is now informally, where whites would neither insure, bury, lend money, portray fairly in their papers, nor market products, those needs were quickly filled by enterprising black businesspeople who knew the goldmine they had around them. Going into the 21st century, Yahweh Ben Yahweh, John Johnson, along with other extremely motivated people such as A.G. Gaston, Madame C.J. Walker, Marcus Garvey and Robert Abbott, all will say that there is still black gold to be mined close to home.

In other places in this newspaper you will see chapter and verse about how the white man continues to ignore and mistreat you. But you should, look around you members

of a mighty race. If you don't like what you see, then you, and you, along with yourself, may have already seen what it is that you too

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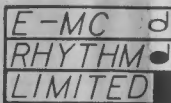
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NOTICEADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS  
THE HOUSING AUTHORITY  
OF THE CITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK

Sealed bids will be received by the Housing Authority for the City of New Brunswick at the office of 71 Neilson Street, New Brunswick, New Jersey on Tuesday, February 3, 1992, at 11:00 a.m., prevailing time at which time bids will be opened and read for.

CONTRACT: 1. THE REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT OF TWO HUNDRED TWO (202) UNITS OF PRE-CAST CONCRETE STAIRS, FOOTINGS/FOUNDATIONS, SLABS, PLATFORMS, AND RAILINGS IN SCHWARTZ HOMES, N.J. 22-2.

There is one set of bidding documents covering the contract which may be examined at the Housing Authority's office from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday on regular business days. A copy of the documents may be obtained for bidding purposes after January 16, 1992, at the office of the New Brunswick Housing Authority, 18 Van Dyke Avenue, New Brunswick, New Jersey.

A deposit in cash or check, to the order of the New Brunswick Housing Authority in the amount of \$50.00 will be required for each set of bidding documents. The sum of \$25.00 will be refunded to any contractor returning to the Authority a completed and unmarked set of documents within two weeks after the bids are opened. Additional sets can be purchased directly from the Authority for the sum of \$50.00 each, but such sets are not refundable.

All bids are to be accompanied by a bid guarantee of not less than ten percent (10%) of the amount of the bid, but not in excess of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00). The bid guarantee shall be in the form of a certified check or cash payable to the order of the Housing Authority. The bid guarantee shall be held by the Housing Authority to ensure the execution of the contract and the furnishing of a performance and payment bond or bonds as required by the Bidding Documents.

All bids are to be accompanied with the name of the Surety Company. This company shall be listed in the U.S. Treasury Circular No. 570, published annually in the Federal Register. Failure to provide this information will cause rejection of the bid.

The Local Housing Authority reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality in the bidding and further reserves the right to make such award as may be in the best interest of the City.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held Tuesday, January 28, 1992, at 10:00 a.m. at the Van Dyke Avenue Office. All bidders are urged to attend but non-attendance will not cause rejection of the bid.

Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975, 127.

No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days subsequent to the opening of bids.

No bid will be accepted that does not conform to the Specifications. Bids are to be made on the proposal forms and sealed in an envelope marked Bid for the New Brunswick Housing Authority.

All bids are to be hand delivered at the time and place indicated above.

DAVID L. WILLIAMS, JR.  
ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE  
CITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK

January 22, 1992

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS  
HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF SALEM

The Housing Authority of the City of Salem, 205 Seventh Street, Salem, New Jersey 08079, is receiving bids for the renovation and upgrade of various living units in preparation for locating new tenants in the units.

The Housing Authority of the City of Salem, State of New Jersey, The Awarding Authority (hereinafter referred to as "Owner") will receive sealed bids for this work located at 205 Seventh Street, Salem, New Jersey 08079 in accordance with Contract Documents prepared together with such addenda as may be issued prior to the date of receipt of bids.

Generally, the work shall include: the survey, upgrade and/or repair of certain designated vacant living units in preparation for locating new tenants in the units. The contractor shall be required to survey the indicated living units and perform all necessary work to bring the living units to close to new condition as possible. This may include the correction of dangerous conditions and the correction of code violations. The living units may be located in a high vibration area and it shall be the contractor's responsibility to provide protection of the unit until it is turned over to and accepted by the Owner.

Bids will be received by the Owner on February 7, 1992 at 10:00 a.m., prevailing time at the office of Ruth O. Gross, Executive Director of the Housing Authority of the City of Salem, located at 205 Seventh Street, Salem, New Jersey 08079.

Sealed proposals for a single, over-all contract for General Construction, covering all trades, will be received for all labor and materials to complete the project.

The Owner reserves the right to waive any informality in any bid or bids, to reject any and all bids, and to accept such bid or bids and to make such awards as may be in the best interest of the Owner.

Bid proposals must be submitted as directed by the Specifications, in a sealed envelope, addressed to the Owner. Envelopes shall, on the exterior, be designated as to the Contract for which the proposal is intended, and the name and address of the Bidder.

Neither a bid nor performance bond shall be required for this project; however, the bidder must illustrate through references from previous work that he is capable of performing the work proposed within the time limit specified in the Specifications.

Contract documents describing the Work will be on file and may be examined at the office of the Owner on or after January 27, 1992. Complete Construction Documents may also be obtained at the offices of the Owner. Documents can be mailed at the bidders request a charge of five dollars (\$5.00).

The site will generally be available for inspection from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, BY APPOINTMENT ONLY, with the Owner, telephone: (609) 938-5022. It is a condition of the bidding that all persons of firms bidding any work on the project either as a contractor or as a sub-contractor, MUST examine the site and to certify. When calling please ask for Anthony Gross, Maintenance Supervisor.

The Bidder must submit with his bid a notarized affidavit listing all persons owning ten percent (10%) or more of the stock in the corporation submitting the Bid, complete with addresses.

This project is being executed with funds provided by the U.S. Government through the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

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Upgrade certain public housing units at 27 Sussex Avenue, East Orange, N.J. (Arcadian Gardens) for rental utilization. Clean and pressure wash building including but not limited to painting, sanding, caulking and general repairs, i.e., lighting.

All bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud at the aforementioned address at 11:00 a.m.

All bids shall be presented on the form prescribed by the PHA, be enclosed in sealed and appropriately marked envelope, and be subject to the GENERAL CONDITIONS, TERMS AND CONDITIONS, SPECIFICATIONS, including drawings and work write-ups, if any.

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EDWARD ZIMICKI  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

January 29, 1992

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS  
THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF  
THE CITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK

The Housing Authority of the City of New Brunswick is requesting proposals from qualified firms to provide security services at Hoffman Pavilion, NJ22-4, consisting of: (1) nine (9) high rise building which contains sixty (60) dwelling units for the elderly.

A detailed description of the work and specifications can be obtained at the Central Office of the Housing Authority of the City of New Brunswick at 71 Neilson Street, New Brunswick, New Jersey.

Attention is called to the fact that no less than the minimum salaries and wages as set forth in the specifications must be paid.

An original and two (2) copies of the proposal shall be submitted to the Housing Authority of the City of New Brunswick no later than 11:00 a.m. the prevailing time on February 7, 1992 at 71 Neilson Street, New Brunswick, New Jersey, 08903.

If proposal is mailed, please address same to James M. Zullo, Acting Executive Director, P.O. Box 110, New Brunswick, New Jersey 08903. Telephone No. (908) 745-5147.

JAMES M. ZULLO  
ACTING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

January 29, 1992

## INVITATION FOR PROPOSAL

THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF ELIZABETH is seeking proposals from qualified individuals/firms to design and implement a Scope of Services for the Public Housing for the City of Elizabeth Youth Sports Activities Component.

The Scope of Services/Youth Sports Activities should be designed to encourage Public Housing youth to use sports as a motivational tool and have an anti-doping program; program content should include but not be limited to:

1. SPORTS CLINICS: Using professional and semi-professionals as role models to conduct two (2) all day clinics for Public Housing youth, with an emphasis on proper athletic techniques. One clinic should include basketball, tennis, and track and field. A second clinic should include double-dutch, basketball and volleyball.

2. SPOKES BUREAU: To conduct five (5) national anti-drug sessions by professional and local "homeworkers" with an emphasis in self-esteem, motivation, attitude development and the negative effect of drug abuse.

3. SUMMER TRIP PROGRAM: To sponsor three (3) trips to expose youth to other environments such as professional sports events, museums, college campus, etc.

4. WEEK-END FINALE: To plan and host a competitive track and field event, plus Health Fair for family housing youth.

The above RFP should be designed around a twelve (12) week calendar schedule and not to exceed a cost of twenty thousand (\$20,000.00) dollars.

The successful bidder will be required to properly execute a contract with the HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF ELIZABETH within five (5) days of award notification.

THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF ELIZABETH reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any informality in the bidding.

All proposals should be returned in a sealed envelope properly marked on the outside: SCOPE OF SERVICES-PUBLIC HOUSING DRUG ELIMINATION PROGRAM-YOUTH SPORTS AND ACTIVITIES COMPONENT and addressed to: Joseph A. Manfredi, Executive Director, 688 Maple Avenue, Elizabeth, New Jersey 07206 and received no later than, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1992, by 3:00 p.m.

HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF ELIZABETH

PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY ATTORNEY

The Housing Authority of the City of Salem is seeking proposals from attorneys/firms to serve as legal counsel to the Authority. Proposals should be written to address the following qualification factors which shall be used by the Authority to evaluate proposals:

1. Experience as Housing Authority Counsel.

2. Knowledge of and experience with Federal HUD Public Housing Regulations and Procedures.

3. Experience with Federal and State Public Agency Law, in particular Local Public Contracts Act.

The contract period will be for one year.

Information packages will be available to all interested parties at the Housing Authority Office. Proposals must be submitted to the address below and must be received no later than Friday, February 7, 1992 at 12:00 p.m.

Ruth O. Gross, Executive Director  
Housing Authority of the City of Salem  
205 Seventh Street  
Salem, NJ 08079  
(609) 938-5022

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK

Sealed bids will be received by the Housing Authority for the City of New Brunswick at the office of 71 Neilson Street, New Brunswick, New Jersey on Tuesday, February 10, 1992, at 11:00 a.m., prevailing time at which time bids will be opened and read for.

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A deposit in cash or check, to the order of the New Brunswick Housing Authority in the amount of \$50.00 will be required for each set of bidding documents. The sum of \$25.00 will be refunded to any contractor returning to the Authority a completed and unmarked set of documents within two weeks after the bids are opened. Additional sets can be purchased directly from the Authority for the sum of \$50.00 each, but such sets are not refundable.

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All bids are to be accompanied with the name of the Surety Company. This company shall be listed in the U.S. Treasury Circular No. 570, published annually in the Federal Register. Failure to provide this information will cause rejection of the bid.

The Local Housing Authority reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality in the bidding and further reserves the right to make such awards as may be in the best interest of the Authority.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held Wednesday, February 5, 1992, at 10:00 a.m. at the Van Dyke Office. All bidders are urged to attend but non-attendance will not cause rejection of the bid.

Bidders are required to comply with the requirements of P.L. 1975, 127.

No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days subsequent to the opening of bids.

No bid will be accepted that does not conform to the Specifications. Bids are to be made on the proposal forms and sealed in an envelope marked BID FOR THE NEW BRUNSWICK HOUSING AUTHORITY.

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DAVID L. WILLIAMS, JR.  
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January 29, 1992

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# A little tussle can go a long way

by Stacey Peterson

PLAINFIELD — Roger Cassett realized that his high school love of wrestling could be the source of some recreation and education for some Plainfield youths who surely could use something constructive to do after school.

Wrestling is not the typical sport of choice in inner-city communities like Plainfield where basketball and football usually prevail. Also, when young people think of wrestling, they think more in terms of Hulk Hogan and the Ultimate Warrior rather than the sport in its traditional sense. But, armed with the desire to get back into his favorite sport and the desire to instill some guidance into his hometown's young people, Cassett set about structuring a wrestling team based in Plainfield that would compete against other area teams.

He explained that he was involved in a similar type program about 20 years ago but circumstances caused him to stop.

"I had finished school and I said to myself that I need to get back into things," Cassett said.

He said the lack of many after school programs prompted him to wipe the dust off the old wrestling program and get it started again.

"I figured I could do my little bit and start a wrestling program," he said.

So, after conferring with John Pepe, supervisor of recreation, Cassett found that there was some recreation money available to begin the program, with Pepe agreeing that it would be a positive experience for all involved.

After getting the OK, he proceeded to put informational flyers in the grammar and junior high schools and was pleased when 80 young men from Kindergarten through to eighth grade showed up.

He explained that there are 16 teams in the Suburban League, which the team competes in, with each team wrestling seven other teams. The team is not affiliated with the Plainfield school's sports teams, but is a part of Plainfield Recreation. The high school team, though has served as a big supporter for the Junior Cardinals, providing them with their old uniforms and a place to practice.

Cassett said that he believes wrestling is a natural sport for young men because they are frequently physical.

"Little kids tussle and will tussle no matter what," he said. "This way, they get to do it and vent themselves with knowledge."

He said his first challenge was to get the Hulk Hogan out of them and teach them collegiate style wrestling.

"It was difficult at first and I had to come down on them, but they began to get it and then they were taught," he said. "The kids have gotten that basically out of their system."

Cassett calls the program a "great outlet" for the kids. "They can tussle but with education — learning how to maneuver their bodies in a skillful fashion and they love it," he said.

He said the practices are rigorous and take place Monday, Tuesday, and Friday from 6 to 8 p.m. with most of their matches taking place on Saturdays. He does, though give them a relaxation period after practice where they get to have a "wrestle-off" in order to apply what they have learned without the struc-

ture of practice.

Cassett said he tries to stress competition, sportsmanship, and team support and he has already seen the growth in the youths even though the program is only as old as November.

ments' commitment to the sport, themselves, and their teammates.

"The whole thing gives them a new environment. They didn't know about competition, acting manly, and team competitiveness."

Although they all enjoy the sport

cess the instructions.

"But, it's coming along — we have them all not mimicking the television," he said.

He sees the children learning from him, from the high school students, and from their older team-

They know as they get older and develop, they can get to wear the jacket, setting them apart from the rest of the group.

What also inspires Cassett is the input from the wrestlers' parents who have formed a fundraising committee to get necessary equipment and whatever else the team may need. He said the parents are supportive of the children, making sure they get to and from practice, and showing up at the matches.

"It helps the kids to have their parents there and it shows their (the parents') interest and involvement," he said.

He said wrestling has become so important to the kids that for Christmas, many of them received

knee pads, wrestling sneakers, and other paraphernalia illustrating both the parents' and the children's commitment.

At press time, the team had wrestled in three matches, tying one against Dunellen, and defeating Chatham and Bernardsville. Their next match is against Basking Ridge. The early success has everyone involved proud and extremely optimistic.

"When I started this program 20 years ago, the turnout was dim and I feared this time it would be the same," Cassett said. "But I was impressed with the amount of kids who turned out and more impressed with the parents' and their participation."



(l) Roger Cassett, coach and (r) Billy Carter, assistant coach, anchoring the Plainfield Junior Cardinals.

"They listened better, tried better, and learned about competition," he said. "They really love it and they work hard at it. In fact, if I tell them they won't wrestle for any reason, they get really upset."

He is impressed with the stu-

and have a lot of fun, he said getting the youths to develop the different techniques is very challenging.

He pointed out that particularly with the younger kids, they aren't mentally developed like the older kids and they sometimes don't pro-

cesses. He said he has set up a role model situation where the older kids who wrestle in the intermediate class, run the drill sessions. They have different color jackets than the others so they stand out and give the younger kids something to aspire to.

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have hit the "big time" and turned their backs on the community. City News will take a look at the black businessman — who he was and what he did during the antebellum years, and what progress has made him and her today.

City News will also review religion in the black community. Once a staple and source of spiritual, emotional, economical and political guidance, many people have abandoned this element of their makeup. Have blacks had a "falling out" with God? Does the church still have the influence it once had on the family? Is a lack of spiritual guidance the reason so many youths have "gone astray"? These questions and others will be examined during this pertinent examination.

Look for these articles, calendars of events, responses from today's youth as they speak about what this month meant to them, and more as City News Publications celebrates African American History Month.